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TOWN OF OAKHAM MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL OFFICIAL REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919

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OF THE
TOWN OF OAKHAM



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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1919

TOWN CLERK :

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1921
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SELECTMEN :

JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1922
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,	Term expires 1921
EDMOND CODY,	Term expires 1920

ASSESSORS :

CHARLES S. CLIFFORD,	Term expires 1921
ALDEN E. BACON,	Term expires 1922
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1920

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1921
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1922
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1920

SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

J. WILSON BALL,	Term expires 1922
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1921
MRS. MINNIE M. DAY,	Term expires 1920

LIBRARY TRUSTEES :

FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,	Term expires 1921
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1922
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1920

CEMETERY COMMITTEE :

JOHN W. DWELLY,	Term expires 1921
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1922
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1920

COLLECTOR :

GEORGE H. MORSE

TREASURER :

JOHN W. DWELLY

TREE WARDEN :

EDWIN GREEN

AUDITOR :

JOHN ROBINSON

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR :

WINTHROP H. BOYD

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES :

GEORGE H. MORSE

MEASURERS OF LUMBER :

O. D. WEBBER

W. R. DEAN

W. A. WOODIS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK :

GEO. S. BUTLER

APPLETON NEWTON

SYLVESTER R. DEAN

FENCE VIEWERS :

JESSE ALLEN

W. W. GRIMES

C. H. TROWBRIDGE

CONSTABLES :

W. C. Ayres, Chief, G. H. MORSE, A. E. BACON,
F. H. PARMENTER, C. B. DANIELS,
H. W. BARTLETT ,

FIELD DRIVERS :

JOHN ROBINSON

EDWIN GREEN

TOWN AGENT :

FRANK S. CONANT

CATTLE INSPECTOR :

HENRY W. STONE

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT :

JAMES R. CHILDS

UNDERTAKER :

JAMES P. FAIRBANK

FOREST FIRE WARDEN :

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the
County of Worcester,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the second day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 12th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to light the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 15th. To see if the town will vote to insure their employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the suppression of the gypsy moth.

Article 17th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to buy an adding machine, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
EDMUND CODY,

Selectmen of Oakham.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1919

BIRTHS.

Jan.	2.	Daughter to Fabius and Rhoda Beckwith.
Feb.	14.	Daughter to Robert and Josephine Cummings.
April	7.	Daughter to Oliver and Etta Wilkins.
April	7.	Daughter to Clifford and Susan F. Knight.
May	9.	Son to Samuel and Eva Bruno.
May	18.	Daughter to Albert and Irma Dufault.
May	24.	Daughter to Everett and Annie Dufresne.
Sept.	18.	Daughter to Agnes Woodis.
Oct.	11.	Daughter to Martin and Damycile Winsky.
Oct.	27.	Son to Victor and Sniczinsky.
Nov.	19.	Daughter to Frank A. and Bernice Sullivan.

MARRIAGES.

Aug.	25.	Percy E. Fielding to Gertrude E. Edson.
Sept.	10.	Henry W. Blake to Elsie M. Babcock.
Oct.	8.	Raymond D. Hull to Marjorie Parker.

DEATHS.

			Y	M	D
Feb.	4.	Patrick Cummings,	78	2	9
Feb.	7.	Wm. M. Gaffney,	18	4	3
Feb.	24.	Ernest R. Lackey,		4	5

			Y	M	D
Feb.	28.	Nora W. Dayle,	74		
Mar.	22.	W. Winn Russell,	80	4	21
Mar.	23.	Geo. N. Briggs,	69	1	15
April	12.	Carrie F. Butterfield,	68	10	19
April	18.	Patrick Moran,	64	5	8
July	14.	Ellen M. Tottingham,	73	2	26
Aug.	22.	Charles A. Spooner,	70	5	29
Sept.	25.	Mary J. Clark,	69	4	27
Oct.	27.	Still Born Sniezinsky			
Dec.	27.	Annie B. Stuks,	27		

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand,	\$2,822 35
Received of Geo. H. Morse,	
taxes, 1918,	\$2,511 70
Geo. H. Morse, taxes, 1919,	6,866 23
State of Massachusetts, corpora-	
tion tax,	66 58
State of Massachusetts, National	
Bank tax,	41 35
State of Massachusetts, soldiers'	
exemption,	2 93
State of Massachusetts, tuition of	
children,	93 00
State of Massachusetts, inspec-	
tion of animals,	14 00
State of Massachusetts, State Aid,	216 00
State of Massachusetts, income	
tax, 1917-18,	99 00
State of Massachusetts, State	
School fund,	1,018 53
State of Massachusetts, High	
School tuition,	829 00
State of Massachusetts, transpor-	
tation High School pupils,	615 63
State of Massachusetts, Income	
tax, general purpose,	90 00

State of Massachusetts, Income	
tax, general school fund,	30 00
State of Massachusetts, Inde-	
pendent Industrial Schools,	53 03
Worcester Trust Co.,	3,000 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	4 70
Cemetery Committee,	80 60
Perpetual Care Funds,	78 00
Rent of Memorial Hall,	12 50
Charlton Poor Farm Association,	21 45
Butchers' License,	1 00
Frank A. Smith & Son,	
insurance refunded,	13 31
Overseers of Poor,	28 93
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	8 26
F. E. Davis, sale of magazines,	6 45
City of Boston for school,	4 50
Geo. M. Ross, for Cemetery Fund,	100 00
Interest,	38 41
Dog Fund, 83.9848%,	174 86
State of Massachusetts, State	
Forestry,	2 00
State of Massachusetts, School	
Superintendent,	187 50
Over-laying taxes,	607 81
	<hr/> \$19,739 61

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By paying Selectmen's orders,	\$18,609 59
Trust Funds deposited,	100 00
	<hr/> \$18,709 59
Balance in Treasury,	<hr/> \$1,030 02

Alfred Parks Wright Memorial

Fund,		\$500 00
Interest,	\$28 75	
Paid for magazine subscriptions,	24 25	4 50

Mary Lincoln Alden Memorial

Fund,		\$5,000 00
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Dr.

Balance of income,	\$132 50	
Interest,	250 00	
Exchange of Bonds,	387 50	
Dividends,	87 50	

		\$857 50
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Cr.

Expended,		215 00
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		\$612 50
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Fobes Memorial

Fund,		\$2,000 00
Interest,		319 23
Clark Legacy and Interest,		934 12

Cemetery Trust Funds

Deposited in the Worcester County Institution
for Savings:

George H. Gould,	\$100 00
Daniel H. Dean,	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
A. J. Holden,	50 00
Lyman S. Walker,	100 00
William A. Fobes,	100 00

Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100 00
Henry A. Morse,	100 00
William L. Haskell,	100 00
Henry P. Wright,	100 00
Laura G. Burt,	100 00
Anna D. Adams,	25 00
A. C. Morse,	50 00
Geo. M. Ross,	100 00
Hall & Nourse,	100 00

In the Five Cents Savings:

Jesse Allen,	\$100 00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00
A. S. Nickerson,	100 00

In the Mechanics Savings Bank

Stephen Lincoln,	\$150 00
Charles A. Fobes,	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Martha Macullar,	100 00
Fannie Kimball,	50 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Weeks & Elliott,	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following for the financial year ending December 31, 1919.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Clerk

Paid Jesse Allen,	\$80 60
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Treasurer

Paid John Dwelly,	\$50 00	
Postage and Tel.,	11 50	
	<hr/>	61 50

Tax Collector

Paid Geo. H. Morse,	\$85 00	
Postage,	11 80	
	<hr/>	96 80

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day,	\$50 00	
Sylvester R. Dean,	40 00	
Edmund Cody,	40 00	
Tel. and Postage,	2 50	
	<hr/>	132 50

Assessors

Paid W. H. Parkman,	\$69 25	
Alden Bacon,	67 50	
	<hr/>	136 75

Auditor

Paid John Robinson,	50 00
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Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid F. E. Davis,	\$6 00	
J. P. Fairbanks,	4 00	
Geo. H. Morse,	4 00	
Bert S. Reed,	2 00	
M. F. Lincoln,	2 00	
Clifford Knight,	2 00	
William G. Mann,	2 00	
C. H. Trowbridge,	2 00	
	<hr/>	24 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid John P. Day,	\$6 00	
Sylvester R. Dean,	8 00	
Edmund Cody,	6 00	
Jesse Allen,	8 00	
	<hr/>	28 00

Moderator

Paid W. C. Ayres,	2 00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid Geo. H. Morse,	15 00
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Overseers of Poor

Services and Support of Poor,	542 18
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School Committee

Paid for Support of Schools,	6054 08
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Superintendent of Streets

Paid for Highways and Bridges,	1677 80
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Library Trustees

Paid for Support of Library,	550 98
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Care of Street Lights

Paid Oliver Wilkins,	\$121 75	
W. A. Nye,	102 00	
C. H. Parker & Son,	224 05	
Geo. S. Butler,	1 20	
	<hr/>	449 00

Cemetery Committee

Paid for Support of Cemeteries,	261 87
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State Aid

Paid H. M. Green,	\$72 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	72 00	
Emma Blodgett,	72 00	
	<hr/>	216 00

Bonds Town Officers

Paid Mass. Bonding Co.		
Treasurer,	\$12 00	
Tax Collector,	30 00	
	<hr/>	42 00

State and County Tax

Paid County Tax,	\$451 00	
State Tax,	990 00	
State Highway Tax,	139 60	
Special Tax,	59 40	
	—————	1,640 00

Worcester Trust Co.

Paid Worcester Trust Co.,	\$2,000 00	
Worcester Trust Co.,	3,000 00	
Worcester Trust Co., Interest,	138 14	
	—————	5,138 14

Opening Roads

Paid Justin Rawson,	2 25
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Memorial Day

Paid Soldiers Memorial Association,	25 47
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Insurance of Employees

Paid Frank A. Smith,	73 39
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Brown Tail Moth

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	10 00
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Fire Dept.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	\$23 96
C. Woodbury,	1 00
Eli Allard,	1 00
Geo. Edson,	1 00
Chas. Wilder & Son,	2 00

Geo. Lackey,	1 00	
Peter White,	1 00	
Bert Reed,	1 00	
Ed. Bullard,	1 00	
Milton Bullard,	1 00	
Leroy Burt,	1 00	
John O'Donnell,	1 00	
Patrick O'Donnell,	37	
Elmer Willard,	1 00	
Guy C. Allen,	1 50	
Oliver Wilkins,	75	
Henry Kane,	75	
Warren Adams,	2 50	
Henry Bartlett,	2 50	
Geo. Grimes,	2 50	
Geo. Briggs,	2 50	
Raymond Alderson,	2 50	
State Forestry Dept.	12 99	
H. K. Barnes,	29 94	
	<hr/>	95 76

New Flag

Paid Fuller Regalia Co.,	43 50
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Repairing Interior of Town Hall

Paid W. O. Ayres,	
Labor and Supplies,	431 45

Tree Warden

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	1 50
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Miscellaneous

Paid W. W. Russell, care of Hall,	15 50
W. A. Nye, care of Hall,	124 43
E. Howard Clock Co.,	
repairs on clock,	18 41
C. G. Rogers, printing supplies,	191 80
Geo. S. Butler, supplies,	6 28
Chas. F. Gettemy, certifying note,	2 00
E. Bert Johnson, attorney's fees,	3 00
W. C. Ayres, express,	93
W. A. Nye, tuning piano,	5 68
Chas. Howe, shingles,	17 25
John P. Day, drawing shingles,	1 25
Worcester Abstract Co.,	6 60
Henry W. Stone, inspecting barns,	28 00
Henry W. Stone, inspecting meats,	92 00
F. D. Russell, labor and lumber,	19 52
D. Lebonte, repairing bell,	2 00
Fred Parmenter, officer's fees, 1918,	2 54
John Robinson, wood,	40 00
C. B. Daniels, sign boards,	9 00
John P. Day, sawing wood,	4 00
H. S. Splaine, death returns,	75
J. P. Fairbanks, death returns,	1 75
F. S. Conant, supplies,	7 16
A. G. Williams, lamp chimneys,	4 00
F. E. Davis, care of clock,	25 00
Worcester Mechanics National Bank,	3 00
Dr. Douglas, birth returns,	2 25
W. R. Dean, register,	3 25
John P. Day,	4 80
Geo. Morse, dog officer,	25 00

667 15

Repairing Flag Pole

Paid H. M. Waite, pulleys,	\$15 09	
D. F. Howard, cement,	6 10	
Fay Russell, labor,	25 10	
D. Lebonte,	13 63	
	<hr/>	59 92
Total Expenditures,		<hr/> \$18,609 59

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1918,	\$2,711 43	
Interest,	96 03	
	<hr/>	\$2 807 46

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	\$2,511 70	
By abatement,	51 99	
	<hr/>	\$2,563 69
		<hr/>
		\$243 77

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection August 29, 1919.

State tax,	\$990 00	
County tax,	451 00	
State highway tax,	139 60	
Special State tax,	59 40	
Town tax,	7,757 00	
Overlaying tax,	63 76	
Omitted taxes,	55 70	
Interest,	4 15	
	<hr/>	\$9,520 61

Cr.

Treasurer's receipts,	\$6,866 23	
	<hr/>	\$2,654 38

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. MORSE,
Collector.

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Receipts

Town appropriation,	\$300 00	
Dog Fund,	174 86	\$474 86

Expenses

Paid W. C. Ayers, janitor,	\$50 00	
W. C. Ayres, express,	3 14	
W. C. Ayres, grate for furnace,	27 00	
W. C. Ayres, repairs on library,	71 62	
H. R. Hunting, books,	18 69	
Geo. S. Butler,	4 49	
Edmond Cody, coal,	147 96	
John P. Day, wood,	8 00	
William Nye, janitor,	85 00	
Robert M. Briggs, exchange of		
books,	20 80	
Philip Wearing, exchange of books,	4 00	
C. H. Trowbrige, repairs,	1 75	
Walter R. Dean, wood,	5 00	
Frank E. Davis, librarian,	79 28	
Fobes Memorial Library, books,	24 25	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$550 98

During the past year the walls have been retinted, the woodwork revarnished, and the building thoroughly cleaned.

JESSE ALLEN,
SARA E. BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL.

REPORT OF THE CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSOCIATION

For the Year ending December 31, 1919.

The annual report of the Association is hereby presented.
These towns were admitted during the year: Ashburnham,
Brookfield and Boylston.

RECEIPTS

Milk	\$1752 86	
Eggs	16 50	
Stock	976 00	
Miscellaneous	162 75	
Boarders	1169 02	
Inmates' board	4914 15	
Assessment	714 46	
	—————	\$9705 74

EXPENDITURES

Carl M. Wheeler and wife, salary	\$800 00
Inside and outside labor	879 63
Groceries	1611 14
Meats and provisions	1028 18
Clothing	269 15
Grain	1033 77
Oil	65 22

Blacksmithing	\$ 36 90	
Mechanical attendance	46 25	
Drugs	47 22	
Supplies	590 74	
Miscellaneous	323 30	
Stock	892 31	
Machinery and tools	180 62	
Rent and interest	585 96	
Coal	205 38	
Telephone	45 52	
Tobacco	188 11	
Fertilizer	150 23	
Pasturage	70 00	
Repairs	115 38	
	<hr/>	\$9165 01

Balance in favor of the Association	<hr/>	\$540 73
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Cash received and due from towns of the Association for board of inmates :

Charlton	\$347 76	
Holden	486 04	
Princeton	398 55	
Oakham	24 43	
Westminster	703 89	
Rutland	238 00	
Sterling	873 03	
Millbury	1212 45	
Auburn	30 80	
Brookfield	395 32	
Ashburnham	71 99	
Boylston	134 97	
Leicester	1 92	
	<hr/>	\$4914 15

These towns had no inmates during the year: Hardwick,
Holland, Paxton and Hubbardston.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Secretary and Treasurer.

Charlton, Mass., January 1, 1920.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Assessment,	14 01	
Mrs. Emma A. Jackson,	353 50	
Mrs. C. S. Chiffrid,	11 43	
Dr. W. S. Bates,	7 50	
Charles H. Trowbridge, (overseer),	26 25	
Geo. S. Butler,	25 00	
Poor Farm,	28 93	
John P. Day,	5 00	
Mrs. C. M. Wheeler,	9 56	
William H. Parkman, (overseer),	25 00	
Jesse Allen,	20 00	
Mrs. Henry W. Stone, (transportation),	8 00	
Doctor of Charlton,	3 00	
Clothing,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$542 18
Received credit from		
Mrs. Lorenzo Hill,	\$28 93	\$28 93
		<hr/>
		\$513 25
Refunded from Charlton Association,	\$21 45	\$21 45
		<hr/>
Total expended,		\$491 80

Respectfully submitted,
JESSE ALLEN,
WM. H. PARKMAN,
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
Overseers of the Poor.

Report of the Cemetery Committee

Receipts

Town appropriation,	\$75 00	
Perpetual care of lots,	78 00	
Individual care of lots,	80 60	
Balance due the Town,	28 27	
	<hr/>	\$261 87

Expenses

Edwin Green, Superintendent,	\$192 42	
James P. Fairbank,	1 80	
Geo. S. Butler,	1 10	
M. F. Lincoln,	9 45	
B. P. Woodis,	36 25	
D. F. Howard & Sons,	3 75	
Edwin Bullard,	17 00	
F. S. Conant,	10	
	<hr/>	\$261 87

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

JAMES P. FAIRBANK,

Cemetery Committee.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During the year the Library has been open 100 days.

Circulation for home use, 2,075

Loaned to the Public Schools, 57

The Reading Room has a splendid collection of magazines, including the Ladies' Home Journal, Good House-keepin, McCall's, Today's Housewife, Youth's Companion, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, Etude, American Boy, Popular Mechanics, Illustrated World, National Geographical, Country Gentleman, Successful Farming, Dumb Animals and Worcester Telegram.

Gifts have been received from J. C. Rutherford, Mrs. Nellie A. Parker, G. M. Dean, Walter A. Woodis, Y. P. S. C. E., Rev. A. H. Plumb, Mrs. Geo. Edson, Henry Bartlett, Massachusetts Library Commission, Henry B. Wright, Mrs. Katie Wilkinson, Mrs. Geo. Davis, Edith Plumb and Miss Emily Mellen.

New books:

Little Freckled Person.

Comrade Rosalie.

Wonder Book of Knowledge.

Neptune's Son.

Slipper Point Mystery.

Once Upon a Time Animal Stories.

Mrs. Peter Rabbit.

Good Wolf.
 Day of Glory.
 Eating in Two or Three Languages.
 Little Maid of Philadelphia.
 Ben, the Battle Horse.
 Indian Legends Retold.
 Little Grey Home in France.
 Rosemary Greenaway.
 Fox and Little Red Hen.
 Golden Hair and Three Bears.
 Water Babies.
 Janice Day, Young Homemaker.
 History of the World War.
 Adventures of Gray Fur Family.
 Wee Anne.
 Dormitory Days.
 Joan of Arc.
 • Wigwam Wonder Tales.
 Sergeant Ted Cole.
 Broken Soldier and Maid of France.
 Leaders to Liberty.
 Partners of the Out-Trail.
 The Second Bullet.
 Shadow Mountain.
 Judith of Blue Lake Ranch.
 The Apartment Next Door.
 The Red Signal.
 The League of the Scarlet Pimpernel.
 The Eyes of the Blind.
 Okenwood of the Secret Service
 Rainbow Island.
 The Tin Soldier.
 The Sky Pilot in No Man's Land.

Cap'n Jonah's Fortune.
The Desert of Wheat.
Shavings.
The Wayfarers at the Angels'.
The W. P. Trail.
Sudden Jim.
Oh Money! Money.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. DAVIS.
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

Paid W. H. Boyd,	\$474 25
A. L. Newton,	381 75
L. P. Green,	166 00
J. C. Woodis,	192 25
F. H. Boyd,	156 25
Henry Newton,	93 00
Newton Green,	84 25
H. W. Childs,	9 50
Emil Arnold,	9 00
Road Machinery Co.,	12 70
L. Stukko,	4 50
.....	3 00
Ralph Dean,	13 00
J. Gaffney,	5 75
A. Hapgood,	9 00
P. Ryan,	6 00
W. Grimes,	13 50
Geo. Morse,	5 70
Sidney Dean,	2 70
W. Woodis,	1 50
D. Labonte,	1 50
J. Leyden,	3 00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	24 70
F. E. Loring,	3 50
	————— \$1,678 30
Opening Roads:	
Paid Justin Rawson,	\$2 25

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BOYD,
Road Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

Town—Support of Schools,	\$2,300 00
Town—School Superintendent,	60 00
Town—Medical inspection,	20 00
State return—School Fund,	1,018 53
State return, High School tuition,	829 00
State return, School Superintendent,	187 50
State return—Education State children,	93 00
State return—High School transportation,	615 63
City of Boston,	4 50
State return—Income Tax, for general school purposes,	30 00
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	\$5,158 16

EXPENSES

School Committee

Paid Jesse Allen, services,	\$34 50
J. Nelson Ball, services,	7 00
Mrs. Minnie M. Day, services,	15 00
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	\$56 50

School Superintendents

Paid George E. Caswell,	\$175 00
James R. Childs,	137 50
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	\$312 50

Teachers

Paid Miss Florence Bothwell,	\$540 00
Miss Ethel Braman,	540 00
Miss Ruth Butterfield,	549 00
Miss Helena Rutherford,	454 00
Mrs. Ruth Dwelley,	201 00
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	\$2284 00

School Supplies

Paid for supplies,	\$139 68
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Care and Cleaning

Paid W. W. Russel,	\$15 85
Miss Helena Rutherford,	13 75
Mr. William Nye,	133 75
Mrs. Ida Loring,	1 35
Mrs. Evelyn Grimes,	2 00
Mrs. John Haire,	5 00
Mr. J. N. Ball,	21 00
Francis Willard,	8 00
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	\$200 70

Fuel

Paid Mr. Mason Dean,	\$36 00
Mr. C. B. Daniels,	124 00
Mr. Milton Bullard,	24 00
Mr. F. H. Boyd,	45 00

Mr. J. C. Rawson,	30 00
Mr. W. R. Dean,	3 00
Francis Willard,	1 00

\$263 00

Repairs

Paid Mr. Bert Reed,	\$9 50
Mr. C. H. Trowbridge,	12 95
Mr. William Fullam,	8 81
Mr. F. D. Russell,	81 50
Mr. W. C. Ayres,	134 10

\$246 86

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. E. S. Douglas,	\$20 00
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Grade Transportation

Paid Mr. Henry Crawford,	\$409 60
Mr. J. C. Rutherford,	171 80
Mr. Wm. Parkman,	212 80
Mr. Morton Lincoln,	18 00

\$812 20

High School Transportation

Paid Mr. J. C. Rutherford,	\$52 50
Mr. F. L. Cheever,	10 50
Mr. Edmund Cody,	44 40
Mr. Albert Briggs,	60 00
Mr. George H. Morse,	126 00
Mr. James Fairbank,	36 00
Mr. Orrin Carpenter,	48 00
Mr. Walter Bruce,	52 50
Mr. J. Waldo Knight,	66 00

Mr. A. L. Newton,	55 50
Mr. Wm. Gaffney,	72 00
Mr. A. H. Plumb,	40 50
Mr. Clayton Adams,	58 50
Mr. Patrick Moran,	36 90
Mr. Geo. S. Butler,	60 00
Miss Esther Briggs,	19 50

\$838 80

High School Tuition

Paid Town of Barre,	\$215 00
Town of Hardwick,	320 00
Town of North Brookfield,	74 00
Town of Holden,	240 00

\$849 00

Miscellaneous

Paid J. L. Hammett, freight,	\$0 56
Mr. Robert Briggs, carting,	50
Mr. G. E. Caswell, telephone,	50
Mr. Raymond Thresher, sawing wood,	1 75
Mr. C. B. Daniels, sawing wood,	7 50
Mr. C. B. Daniels, handling wood,	10 13
Mr. Eugene Parker, sawing wood,	6 90
Mr. Jesse Allen, postage,	3 00

\$30 84

Total expenditures, \$6,054 08

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
MINNIE M. DAY,
J. NELSON BAILL,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

HOLDEN, MASS., JAN. 1, 1920.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham :

My second report is the twentieth in the series since the formation of the present union, and covers the time from August 1 to the present.

A real test of the quality of our schools may be made by following the records of those who have graduated and gone to higher institutions of learning. I have been gratified, as I know you have been, to discover that Oakham boys and girls are demonstrating conclusively that our teachers are doing excellent work. It was a source of much pleasure to find the same efficient corps of teachers here on my return after a year of absence. The attitude of teachers and pupils is serious and earnest.

We are carrying out some of the suggestions for more and better equipment, for needed repairs and for new text books that have been made from time to time in these reports. The new floors at the Center School and the freshly painted walls add materially to the appearance and to the efficiency of the working plant. The need of some good pictures is perhaps more apparent than ever, and a few dollars spent in buying them will be a permanent and valuable investment.

The total cost for support per pupil in average membership for the year was \$66.30 and the valuation per pupil

in average membership is \$5,683, as compared with a corresponding valuation for the state of \$8,294. While not a wealthy town, Oakham is generous in support of its schools, and will respond to the new demands being made at the present time.

The new law which provides for the distribution of a portion of the income tax and of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund is in two parts and funds should be received under its provisions in November and March. Its purpose is to increase salaries. For each teacher who has received not less than \$650 the preceding year the state will pay the town \$100; for each teacher who has received \$750 the state will pay \$150; and for each teacher who receives at least \$850 the reimbursement will be \$200. On this basis, Oakham will receive \$300 next November as three of our teachers are paid \$650. The amount that will be received the following March has not yet been determined.

By vote of the Committee children may not enter school for the first time until six years of age, excepting in cases when the sixth birthday comes before January 1 of that school year. In such cases the child should enter in September. This seems to me wise. It is the general practice. "Authorities are practically unanimous in the opinion that it is best for the average child that he should not be confined to the school room at so early an age as five. Students of children's minds agree that for many children it is not only a waste of time, but a positive injury to begin formal school work before the age of six."

Your attention is invited to Mrs. Dwelly's report as Music Supervisor and to the statement of the school physician. In the latter report we find that more than half the children in school have defective teeth. This is a matter that should have serious consideration. Some towns in

the County are establishing dental clinics under the direction of the Farm Bureau and I believe this may be done in Oakham.

The small number of children at the West School together with the expense of maintenance make it necessary to consider closing the school and transporting the children to the Center. The cost per pupil is probably more than twice what it is at the Center and Coldbrook.

I want to thank the committee and the teachers for their cordial support. It is a pleasure to have a share in the school affairs of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,
Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1918-1919

School	Teacher	Training	Total Mem.	Average Mem.	Average Atten.	Per cent Atten.
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield High	29	27.7	25	90.2
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	27	21.8	18.9	86.7
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	21	20.4	19.3	94.7
West	Helena K. Rutherford	No. Brookfield High	12	10	8.8	87.4
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton	—	—	—	—
			89	79.9	72	90

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM, 1919

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Tot.
Boys	1	6	5	8	1	4	8	3	3	39
Girls	4	8	4	3	3	2	10	4	3	41
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Totals	5	14	9	11	4	6	18	7	6	80

school started Sept-25 1919
 (per memo item from OWA
 scrapbook 1915-1920)

ROLL OF HONOR

One Year

Dorothy Day ($\frac{1}{2}$)	Joseph Bruce ($\frac{1}{2}$)
Roscoe Crawford (1)	Kenneth Wilkins ($\frac{1}{2}$)

Two Terms

Charles Baxter	Burton Mullen
Raymond Crawford	Oliver Wilkins ($\frac{1}{2}$)
John Day ($\frac{1}{2}$)	Barbara Sullivan
Sophie Bechan	Kathryn Mullen

One Term

John Wilder	Stephen Lupa (1)
Ernest Bullard	Shirley Rutherford (1)
Grace O'Donnell	Willard Rutherford (1)
Dorothy Reed	Norman Baxter ($\frac{1}{2}$)
Annie Winski	Guy Allen
Arline Prevost	Harold Allen
Esther Briggs	Edmund McTeague
Hazel Briggs	Warren Sanderson ($\frac{1}{2}$)
Viola Hapgood	Herbert Sullivan
Eleanor Knight	William Wilkins ($\frac{1}{2}$)
Anna Myska	Helen Sullivan
Laura Snay	Alla Carpenter
John Briggs	Bernice Carpenter

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

OAKHAM, MASS., JAN. 1, 1920.

Mr. J. R. Childs, Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:—

In compliance with your request, I submit my report as music supervisor.

The aim of music education in the public schools is the development of culture through an acquisition of musical knowledge and skill. The pupil must learn to read music readily at sight, and must also have training in the proper use of the voice, he must also be brought into contact with good standard melody and harmony. The attainment of these ends will tend to a development of a sense of musical appreciation.

The importance of the first years of work in music cannot be over-estimated. Each year children enter our schools who are unable to sing more than two or three tones, and occasionally there is a pupil without power to locate the tones of the scale, or to comprehend their relationship. Experience has proved that these little ones can be taught to sing the scale in good tune, besides learning many songs before they leave the primary grade.

Attention is given to individual work. Each pupil is trained to rely on himself. This work not only affords excellent training for the individual child but also aids greatly in raising the standard of the class.

Throughout the schools the pupils have the willing response needed for real work, readily grasping the fundamental principles of music, and thereby attaining a real enjoyment of music.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

SOUTH BARRE, MASS., DEC. 31, 1919.

Mr. J. R. Childs, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:—

In reply to your request I submit my report as School Physician for the Town of Oakham.

	June, 1919	Dec., 1919
Total enrollment,	89	83
Number pupils examined,	80	78
Number having defective teeth,	40	43
Number having excessive wax in ears,	11	10
Number having enlarged tonsils,	5	5
Number having adenoids,	5	5
Number having chorea,	1	0
Number of notices sent home,	37	45

Respectfully yours,

E. S. DOUGLASS, M. D.

AUDITOR'S REPORT 1919

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector and found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ROBINSON,
Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS

Clifford Knight, Farmer
Thomas Gaffney, Farmer
Frank Boyd, Farmer
Alden Bacon, Painter
Fred Parkman, Farmer
Fay Russell, Farmer
Walter Green, Painter

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